

CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

Public Hearing-Solar and Wind Ordinance

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rickard.

Correspondence received from:

- Ron Studer
- Joshua M. Pearce, PhD
- Danielle Ahrens

Public Comments:

- Frank Fiala-downtown business & property owner applauds the commission's effort. Commented on the restriction that panels shall not exceed 10" from the rooftop-is it necessary to keep?
- Steve Roblee-Lake Ave. commented the ordinance is too broad, definition of what a solar installation is? Do we want to be regulating people's garden lights? Commented that the ordinance should only address larger systems, not smaller. He suggested installations "New Meter" system would be regulated at 2,000 watts.
- Ron Studer-N. Lincoln Dr. comments included the restriction installations can't be visible from public Right of Way.

Member Steve Walton responded that he has reviewed the written comments as well, he will compile those and tonight's comments and put together a document of the edits to be incorporated into an amended version of the ordinance for consideration.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:17 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Call to order by Chairperson Rickard at 6:17 p.m.

Present: Blau, Rickard, Lahti, Harris, Burack, Griffis, Walton

Absent: LaBine and Wenc

Motion by Member Griffis and supported by Member Walton to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Adam Griffis gave a presentation on the City's Public Participation Plan.

Public Comment-None

Review and approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Member Burack and supported by Member Harris to approve the November 28, 2022 meeting minutes.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Updates:

- DDA Marketing/Business Coordinator-Todd Gast will be starting on January 30, 2023.
- Grants- 1. Scrap tire 2. Match on Main grant opening 3. Police Officer training
- Master Plan Meeting-Patrick Coleman will be presenting at a work session on January 30, 2023.

Business

The Planning Commission was in consensus to table the recommendation of the draft Solar/Wind Ordinance to the City Council for recommendation until revisions for February 27th, 2023 meeting.

The small zoning group did meet and discussed issues.

Public Comment

Ken Storm-Poplar St. commented on northwest corner of Hancock wind, other municipalities using community solar or wind.

Motion by Member Blau and supported by Griffis to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk/Treasurer